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For the first time the col- | be abolished; that the tax itself should ored citizens of the State be collected by the State and county find themselves invested officials; that the multiplication of offiwith equal political rights. It may not be inappropriate that we pledge ourselves to effect a therefore, to remind them thorough reform in this particular. that they NO W HAVE THE SAME CONCERN ASOTHER CITIZENS IN THE DELIR. THE RESULTS OF POPU- of public trust the friends or tools of THEREFORE ADDRESSED as well as to other Republicans .- Extract from the call of the Radical State Executive Committee for a State Convention.

> Written for The Democrat. The Things We Love.

> > BY J. M'KERNEY

I love to rove the sylvan shades, When lovely Sol is shining bright; To tread upon the dewy blades That glitter in the morning light.

I love to view the purling streams That sparkle in the beaming sun; What silver brightness from them teems "As through the vales they gently run.

I love to view the feathered throng. On airy wings from tree to tree; I leve to kear their blithesome sone. Se full of joyous, happy glee.

Whilst sporting on the pleasant green They look so mild, so brisk and gay, With watchful eves se sharp and keen

I love to view the busy bees. Through pleasant lawns and shady trees They lose not one sweet golden hour. I love to view the grand old woods, Where lofty trees and bushes grew;

When they put on their greenish buds, Or blossoms fair and white as snow I love to view the fields and meads,

When equipp'd in fair greenish dyes; As lovely Flora o'er them trends, With flowers fair for enger eyes. I love the birds that scan the air, Yes, and the modest harmless dove.

I love to view all nature fair-These are the charms my heart doth love DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Platform of Principles.

The Democracy of Ohio, coming together in the spirit of devotion to the doctrine and faith of a free representative government, and relying for success upon discussion and the intelligence of the people, deem the present convention a fitting occasion to re-assert the following time-honored principles of the Democratic party: That the Federal Government is one

of limited powers, derived solely from the Constitution; that the grants of power made therein ought to be strictly construed by all the dependents and agents of the government, and that it is inexpedient and dangerous to exercise doubtful powers; that the Constitution of the United States is founded on the fundamental principle of entire and absolute equality of all the States of the Union, and it is not competent for Congress to impose upon them any conditions or restrictions, in respect to the internal concern, which the Federal Constitution has not imposed: that the liberal principles embodied by Jofferson, in the Declaration of Independence, and sanctioned by the Constitution, which makes ours the land of liberty and an asylum of the oppressed of every nation, have ever been the cardinal principles of the Democratic faith, and every attempt to abridge the privileges of becoming citizens and the owners of soil among us, ought to be resisted with the same spirit which swept away the alien and sedition laws from our statute books, and in order that we may more distinctly declare our views of the measures and policy of the administra-

Resolved. That we denounce the pres ent tariff, as well as the substitute lately introduced in the House of Representatives from the committee on Ways and Means, as a gigantic robbery of the labor and industry of the country; that they are solely designed to advance the interests of a few thousand monopolies, and that they should no longer be submitted to, and that no candidate for Congress, nor for any other office, is worthy of support who is not in favor of a low revenue tariff, which closely approximates to free trade; that in the arrangement of any revenue tariff all necessaries of life should be absolutely

free of duty. Resolved, That the Internal Revenue system of the United States is unendurable in its oppressive exactions; that it should be immediately remodeled; that its annoyance of stamps and licenses, and taxes upon sales and incomes should monism;

cers is wholly unnecessary, except to cat out the resources of the tax payers, and

Resolved, That we denounce the profligacy in the present administration of the Federal government; the corruption which has entered all its official stations, the favoritism which-over-looking fitness for office-has appointed to positions those who control the public patronage, and the imbecility which directs the des tinies of the Republic, without an appar ent purpose, and manages its affairs with such embarrassment and disaster to the materal interests of its people at home, and with such disregard of the rights and liberties of its citizens abroad.

Resolved. That land monopoly is one of the great evils of our country, and against the spirit of our institutions that the whole of the public lands ought to be held as a sacred trust to secure homesteads for actual settlers. We therefore denounce the recent action of Congress in making grants to mammoth railroad corporations, which are already too powerful, and may become dangerous to a free people.

Resolved, That we regard the act re cently passed by Congress to enforce the Fiftcenth Amendment as unconstitutional, unjust and oppressive-an invasion of the rights of the States, subversive of the best interests of the people, and therefore demand its unconditional repeal.

Resolved, That the power of the Federal Government to assess and collect taxes on the bonds of the United States. is clear and unquestioned, and we de mand of Congress that a share of taxation, equal to the fair amount levied in each State on money leaned, shall be assessed and collected from all investments in bonds.

Resolved, That we are opposed to the system of National Banks, and demand the immediate repeal of the law creating them, and that in the place of the notes of such banks Treasury notes of the United States shall be substituted.

Resolved, That the Democracy of Ohio sympathize with the efforts of all people struggling for self-government and we denounce the truckling of the Federal Administration to Great Britain and Spain, and the efforts of the party in power to reduce the whole States in our Union to a condition and vassalage to the General Government.

Resolved. That the thanks of the Democracy of Ohio are catended to our Senator, Allen G. Thurman, and the Democratic Representatives in Congress, who, though in a small minority, have bravely contended for the principles of Domocracy, and the interests of the peeple; that upon the foregoing Platform we cordially invite all the electors of Ohio, without regard to past differences, to vote for the ticket this day nominated.

Martinsburg Editorial Belligerenty. The editors of the Berkeley Union, and the New Era, of Martinsburg, have received uncomplimentary notices from the editor of the Valley Star-of same place and the Union and Era men, with commendable promptness, came back on the Star, with retaliatory measures.

The culmination of the affair may be found in the following from the Union, of last week :

p. ssifte eidnetbengen. Lost week this man asserted through his paper that the Berkeley Union had swindled the county by overcharging. When he makes such assertions he unqualifiedly lies in the face of our published rates for advertising. We never expected to notice him in these columns, but when sty man makes such a foul charge, no matter who he is, we shall tell him he lies.

Since writing the above, this man attacked Mr. Logan, of the New Era, with a revolver, firing at him even when Mt. Logan was going away from him. Mr. L. returned the fire, shooting Eichelberger through the arm. Our space prevents further notice. The particulars will be given next week.

A Kentucky man got up in the night and fired his shot-gun into his heu-coop, just for fun, and singular enough in the morning his servants found a colored man in there weltering in his blood. This carelessness in the use of fire-arms is de-

The latest returns from New York within a fraction of ninety thousand, and still increasing. We suppose it will keep on till the next Presidential elec- ged to Massachusetts.

Five young and beautiful girls are

Secret History of John Brown's Raid. Brown and five of his men arrived in Detroit with fourteen slaves from Missouri, in the summer of 1859. One of the way. The boy was named John Brown, and now lives in Windsor. By a strange coincidence Fred Douglass happened to be lecturing in this city the same evening that Brown arrived. Affer the lecture the leaders of the insurrectionary movement got together in the house of William Webb, on Congress street, and arranged the plan for the raid on the South, which broke out prematurely at Harper's Ferry.

Mr. Webb was for many years mana ger of the plug tobacco factory on Jeferson avenue. He is now dead: The leading colored people of Detroit and Chatham were also present at the meeting. Douglass objected to Brown's plan which originally was to make raids on single plantations until he had collected a force of about one thousand slaves, and then swoop down on the larger towns and cities, collecting force and material as he progressed. Brown grew wrathy, and asked Douglass if he was a coward. and referred to his success in Kansas as an augury of the Virginia campaign. Douglass replied that he was not a cow ard, and would give material aid to the plan if he did not approve of it, or did not go himself.

George De Baptiste also approved o the plan, but proposed a gunpowder plot, by which some fifteen of the larges churches in the South would be blown up on a fixed Sunday. Brown objected to the plan on the score of humanity, asserting that by his plan not a hundred lives would be lost, his intention being not to shed blood unless it became absolutely necessary. Do Baptisto still urged radical measures, declaring that Brown's plan would fail, and perhaps cause the loss of a million of lives before the troubles likely to ensue would be ended. He cited in support of his position, the fact that the Nat Turner insurrection in 1831, by which fifty-three white lives were lost, had had the effect of causing the next Virginia legislature to consider a bill for the gradual en ancipation of the slaves, which bill was lost by only two votes.

Ossawatamio's counsel finally prevailed and the only faver, beside money and advice, that he asked of his Detroit friends was to furnish one man, which they did at Chathamite. The news of took the nation with so much surprite. was perfectly well understood by the colored men of this city They were anticipating the event, since one Foster had divulged in Washington the plans of Brown, who, in consequence, was obliged to abandon his enterprise or precipitate matters, even at fearful odds: He chose the latter alternative.

The sequel is sufficiently well known. with sworn secrecy, until lately, by the be only necessary to add that subsequent McCarthy), to the meeting at Webb's house, on Con gress street, a meeting was held in Chatham; at which the "cap sheaf" was put on the plan .- I ctroit Post.

The scheme for nationalizing the James River and the Kanawha Canal has been officetually defeated. The Senate Commiltee having it in charge recently asked to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject, and the request was granted. The plan of uniting the head waters of the James and Kanawha rivers by a canal, and thereby making a continuous water route from the tide water to the Mississippi, has long been a favorite one in Virginia, having been originally ascribed to Gen. Washington. Recent examinations by the Engineer Corps have disclosed the fact that it is impossible to procure a sufficient supply of water at the summit for any adequate canal on this route, and for that sufficient reason the Senate decline to consider any further the proposition to expend fifty millions upon it .- New York Times.

THE TERM "LOTAL."-In a recent de bate in the United States Congress, the following point was made. It is well ta-

Mr. Eldridge declaimed against the word "loyal," as a word he despised and hated: It always reminded him of a definition of it given by a contractor during the war, when asked to explain what he meant by saying he felt loyal. show the Democratic majority to be He said he felt as if he wanted to steal something or somebody. The word did not belong to the country, it only belon-

Shall the white, or the mongrel race, among the Long Island converts to Mor- govern this country? That's the question: Answer at the polls,

S. S. Cox on Corsets

The Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Times says Sam. Cox is one of the cleverest men in the House, albeit he the slaves gave birth to a male child on is a Democrat. His sallies of wit, genuine humor, are wont to set the House in a roar, and on no subject is he more happy than tariff. He has mide some good speeches in Committee of the Whole, as well as in the House, while that subject was under general debate Here is the way that Cox protests against the tax on corsets:

There is a bill before the House of Representatives reported by Messrs. Schenck, Kelley, Blair, McCarthy, Hooper and Maynard, to impose a nations tax on corsets and hoop skirts. Against this tax the free women of America should promptly protest. Is there to be nothing too sacred for the searching hand of the tax-gatherer? Is there no limit to the search of the assessor? The Committee of Ways and Means have already levied a tax on stockings and garters, and must the privacy of woman be further invaded? If women have one right which men are bound to respect more than another it is the privacy of the bosom and the surroundings of their persons.

Did the Committee who reported this bill know what they were doing? Did General Schenck intend to direct the Commissioner of Customs and his deputies to thrust a hand into every gentle bo som and gather a tax therefrom? Did he know that this was a reverse of all the tax law of mankind in every age and in every clime?

We know that iron has long since entered the soul of Kelley, and that he devotes his energies to steel, but had the man a mother? Had he ever a sweetheart? And did he know that he was placing a tax around the fonts of human life? Did any member of the Committee -not raised on a bottle-willingly propose to collect this ad valorem tax in districts rendered dear to human memory since Eve nursed her first born; or Vinnie Ream shaped the bust of Helen? Had Mr. Heoper no recollection of early days, when it was bliss to rest his head upon a heart all fondly his own? And could he. recollecting this, propose to permit the taxgatherer to extort revenue from the hallowed spot? Let him ask himself what would have been his ftelings had he discovered his darling in tears, and found that her distress was because she had not paid her 'corset tax.'

Are there no men in Congress who will the disturbance at Harper's Ferry, which lift their voices in favor of untaxed corsets and untaxed hoops? Will General Farnsworth be silent while this outrage is perpetrating, and vote to tax the vestments that enclose the shrines of beauty, purity and love? Will the stalwart here from Massachusetts (Mr. Butler) vott this tax, and thereafter look any woman straight in the face? Will he, who has identified woman's vocation with Jomini's art of war, wear this outrage on his sleeve These facts, however, have been kept for daws to peck at?' Will Mungen not point out to the Democratic party the in his well to protect this bill to encircle with specific and ad the land?

ed information on this subject.

The women of America have no representation, and they have a right to protest against this upprecedent taxation, They have submitted to be so taxed upon their shoes and slippers, their hosiery, their dresses, their shawls, hats and feathers, and every bit of lace and cibbon ; but there is a limit to even female Of course she cried "quits." submission. Around the sanctuary of their corsets they will draw the line. Shall there be a tax placed upon those emotions and throbbings which have been the delight of men in all ages? The tax taught that the hand which seeks revenue in that duarter may find the revolver or Scheneks and Kelleys may read that history with profit. Let the Women's Convention take action. Let them add to is browsing around for a divorce. the demand for the ballot the cry of 'Free correts! free hoops l' and, until they gain the latter, let the men who vote this tax

it is utterly impossible to legislate a negro by handsome majorities. In both Richnto a white man, the Radical replies, mond and Peter-burg the election was, "Oh! that is only prejudice." Prejudice of course, carried almost exclusively by is a new name for common sense.

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NEGRO SUFFRAGE IN THIS STATE. How the People Were Cheated by the

Two years ago the campaign com-

menced in West Virginia which resulted in placing the ballot in the hands of the blacks. Through the whole of that campaign the Republican leaders sedulously and loudly proclaimed their onposition to negro suffrage and their devotion to the doctrine that in the people of the States should be retained the power of declaring who should vote. Their platforms were made, their speeches were prepared and their papers edited with a view to convincing the public that in no event would they consent to give the General Government control of suffrage or to place the ballot in negro hands. To this their votes, their influence and their honor were solemnly and universally plighted; Scarcely had they carried the sub-sequent election before they gave signs of repudiating the promises they had made to the people. At the next meeting of Congress the order went out to the party to forfeit its honor everywhere by violating its pledges on the suffrage question. The Radicals in the Legislature of West Virginia heard the call, and obeying it by ratifying the Fifteenth Amendment; set the seal of infamy upon the front of their party. But their treachery did not pass unpuna ished: At the succeeding election but three members out of the whole number who had voted for the Amendment infamy were re-elected, and these, if we mistake not, owed their success to the most villaineds frauds of which corrupt Boards of Registration were capable.

From the severity with which the people held to account the authors of the negto suffrage fraud, it is clear that they are now prepared to act more vigorously than ever before in opposition to the further disfranchisement of their own race, and in favor of free legislation, a free jury-box and free veting for the white men of the State: They see that nothing substantial in the way of a reform of proscription can be expected from the Republican party. They know that as that party violated its pledges made with regard to the negro in '68, so it trampled under foot its promises made with regard to the white man in '69. They know that the treachery which opposed negro suffrage on the stump and voted for it in legislation, had its counterpart in the perfidy which upon the stump promised to emancipate the white man, and in the Legislature of the State decreed the contiduance of his bondage:- Charleston

A Washington Belle.

Madam Podesdad, wife of one of the Secretaries of the Spanish Legation, is an American. She was a Miss Chapman, of Virginia. Her mother was Miss Mary Randolph; a great belld in Virginia many years ago. This colored men of Detroit. The particu- daty of repudiating a tax so atrocious? Miss Randolph was especially noted lars have never been published. It may Will the gentleman from Onondage (Mr. for her fearlessness in riding. On one occasion, it is said, when staying at the impose this tax on the great dairies of Warm Springs, in Virginia, she startnature? Will the great champions of ed out with a riding party for the American labor and production voto for Warm Spring Mountain, and dared the gentlemen accompanying her to do valorem taxes the infant manufactories in whatever she did. This mountain is quite high, and has at its summit a It will not do to say that the House is rock jutting out over a precipice. To not aware that corsets and hoops are of the extreme verge of this rock Miss universal use. Members know that the Randblph rode, to the great consterna-Treasury Department can furnish all need- tion of her friends. She did not even leave her horse foom to turn around, but having accomplished her purpose, she backed him from his dangerous position and faced the rest of the party in triumph. Not a man would follow her example, but one youthful bieco of inexperience stood on his head in his saddle and dared the lady to do that.

> A man in Pottsville married a widow with nine children. He had four of his own : and at family worship the other night he prayed for "his'n," but wouldn's offer a solitary petition for "her'n." This should be resisted, and tyrant man be made her down right mad, and she rallied on him with the whole of her nine offspring. The excounter was brief, but the dagger. It only required Marat to decisive. The husband retired in a haldproduce Charlotte Corday, and the headed manner, with the marks of a skillet on his noble brow. The widow prays for her own offsprings now, but the man

> In the municipal elections in Virginia last week, the Democrats carried every be denied all knowledge of female habilibe denied all knowledge of female habil-and Portsmouth. Richmond was lost by ments, save what they get from the bad management, and it did not surprise othes line.
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> us. Lynchburg, Norfolk, Alexandris,
> Charlottesville, Danville, Gordousville,
> and Fredericksburg all went Democratic m gro votes: